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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Werner, et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/035,836  
Filed : December 21, 2001  
For : SURFACE ASSEMBLY FOR  
IMMOBILIZING DNA  
CAPTURE PROBES AND  
BEAD-BASED ASSAY  
INCLUDING OPTICAL BIO-  
DISCS AND METHODS  
RELATING THERETO  
  
Examiner : B. J. Forman  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application. The time to respond has been extended by the payment of an extension fee filed herewith. Applicants thank the Examiner for her review of the application and the helpful comments made therein. Kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING**

Please replace corrected Figure 23, submitted on June 3, 2002, with the attached substitute drawing of Figure 23.